

HOUSE RESOLUTION 260

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of its 110th birthday.

WHEREAS, the United States Army Reserve is the United States Army's sole dedicated Federal Reserve force, providing operational capability and strategic depth to the total Army and the Joint Force in support of U.S. national security interests and Army commitments worldwide; and

WHEREAS, America's Army Reserve is a capable, ready, and lethal team, providing critical capabilities to Army Service Component Commands and all Combatant Commands. As it has since its founding in 1908 as the Medical Reserve Corps, today's Army Reserve, anchored in civilian employment and local communities across the nation and highly trained and educated in 148 different military career fields, stands ready to serve the nation at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, America's Army Reserve is a force of technically and highly skilled soldiers, leaders, and units, all capable, ready, and lethal; and

WHEREAS, operating as an Army component and force-providing command, the Army Reserve has a congressionally authorized strength of 199,000 soldiers, more than 11,000 civilians, and 2,075 units, residing and operating in every state, five U.S. territories, and thirty countries; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve accounts for twenty percent of the Army's organized units, provides nearly half of the Army's total maneuver support, and makes up a quarter of the Army's mobilization base expansion capability; and

WHEREAS, the Army Reserve's critical capabilities include early opening and set-the-theater units required to rapidly deploy forces, build expeditionary combat power, and sustain a campaign-capable force; and

WHEREAS, command authority of the Army Reserve rests under a single individual who is both the Chief of the Army Reserve and the Commanding General of United States Army Reserve Command. This streamlined command structure ensures unity of command and unity of effort in the resourcing, training, and accessing of the Army Reserve; and

WHEREAS, this enables support of every Army Service Component Command and worldwide Combatant Command with an Army Reserve footprint in all fifty states, five territories, and more than thirty countries as the Army Reserve is uniquely designed from the ground up to meet the needs of the Joint Force under this single unified command authority; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Army Reserve is the principal advisor on Army Reserve matters to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the Army. The Office of the Chief of Army Reserve plans, prepares resources, and manages the force and is responsible for the justification, defense, and execution of the Personnel, Operations and Maintenance, and Construction budgets; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate the United States Army Reserve on the occasion of its 110th birthday in service to the United States Army and this nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.